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Doris Wright: Nutrition for Seniors Centurion

By Diane Barnhart-Mckinney, NFS Program Manager

Doris Wright has been going to the Grand Terrace Senior Center since the site was built in 1994. Ms. Wright, 101 years old, is the most elderly participant in our Nutrition for Seniors Program.

Doris was born on February 21, 1904 to Charles and Mabel Bates in Cripple Creek, Colorado. "I was born in the basement of



Doris Wright enjoying her meal at the senior center.

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a church where my father was minister." She had two sisters and two brothers and now is the last sibling surviving. She married Lauron Wright on July 16, 1938 in Santa Barbara. They were married for 43 years and never had children. She has been a widow for 20 years. Her secret to longevity is "just keep breathing."

What brings her to this Grand Terrace Senior Center? "The meals are only \$2.50 and are good most of the time. It's wonderful to get served my meal since I can't see. I can't eat anywhere else more reasonable. I come to see my friends as well as eat the food. It's hard to cook at home. Now I can eat. The nourishing food keeps me going."

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)-

Helps relieve emergency and nonemergency situations for eligible electric and gas customers.

For assistance with disconnected and final notices on utility accounts, clients must apply in person and attend one of the scheduled Energy Education Workshops available on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. on a firstcome, first-served basis. Be early and prepared with all required documents. Call (909) 885-1219 for requirements.

"Working in partnership with the San Bernardino County communities to support low-income residents in achieving self-sufficiency"



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Inland Empire Individual
Development Accounts (IEIDA)
(909) 891-3827

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Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County

Message from the Director



One of the most important steps that CAPSBC will venture this year is to modernize and enhance our technological capacity. For many years, CAPSBC implements several human services programs operating independent of each other and utilizing tools that are not integrated. Therefore, the task of tracking clients, type of services provided, costs associated with

services, client information and case management is always a challenge.

The CAPSBC Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) approved by the Community Action Board for implementation will provide a centralized database that will be utilized by the entire agency. This will include an inventory control system, financial management, accounting system as well as a central intake and referral system for all client-based services. This investment in information technology will enable CAPSBC to provide quality reports to funding sources, efficient utilization of resources, and effective case management tracking of clients.

Another technology project that CAPSBC is looking forward to implement this year is the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). CAPSBC received a grant in the amount of \$ 750,477 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HMIS is a computerized data collection tool designed to capture client-level information on the characteristics and service needs of men, women and children experiencing homelessness. This system will network approximately 35

homeless service providers in San Bernardino County and track services provided under the HUD grant programs. The Technical Submission has been approved by HUD and we are looking at the month of September to start this project.

In May 21, 2005, CAPSBC successfully launched the first celebration to commemorate our 40 years anniversary. "Celebrate Community" brought together our CAPSBC's various, staff, board of directors, local officials community partners and clients in a day filled with fun, games and activities for the whole family. Congratulations to

the members of the 40th Anniversary Committee for a job well done in organizing this event and thank you to all the staff who participated and made this event a memorable one.

"One of the most important steps that CAPSBC will venture this year is to modernize and enhance our technological capacity."

Preparations are underway for the second anniversary celebration. The Staff Development/Recognition is scheduled on August 12, 2005 at the Orton Center, Redlands University. This day will be dedicated to skills training workshops as well as recognize staff for their dedicated service to CAPSBC and the community. Several workshops will be held simultaneously to provide staff the opportunity to select the topics that will benefit them most.

As you can see, we are meeting every challenge and opportunity head on. As always, I believe that with the support from the board and the continuous hard work and commitment by our staff, we will accomplish what needs to be done.

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CAB recognizes two board members

During its June 14 meeting, CAB recognized two of its members: Dorothy Grant for having a school named after her, the Dorothy Grant Elementary School in north Fontana. Ms. Grant is a long time community activist and helped establish the Jesse Turner Community Center where she organized programs for children and the needy.

Board member, Dr. Robin Calote has been selected as the new President of Ventura Community College. Dr. Calote has served as a member of the Community Action Board for 11 years and we want to thank her for all the support and dedicated service to CAPSBC and wish her the very best in her endeavor.



Mr. Gallo hands plaque to



Mr. Gallo hands plaque to Dr, Robin Calote.

Congratulations and we are proud of both of you.

NEWS and EVENTS

CAPSBC Awarded \$500,000 PSSF

By Carolyn Debevec, FDP Program Manager I

On Wednesday, May 18, 2005, the Executive Director for Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County along with the Deputy Director, and Family Development Program Manager attended a meeting with Human Services System (HSS) representatives to discuss the allocation and budget for an award in the amount of \$500,000 for the Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) 2005 - 2006 contract.

PSSF is a federally funded program to provide family support, family preservation, time-limited reunification services, and services to promote and support adoptions. Funds provided will allow for emergency assistance needed for families referred by the Department of Children Services. Families are assisted with goods such as furniture, appliances, clothing, rental assistance, school related items, etc.

CAPSBC looks forward to another successful collaboration with providing services to families in need and promoting family reunification. Y

San Bernardino County Continuum of Care

By Naomi Norman, Program Specialist II

For the past 11 years, CAPSBC has coordinated the US Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) application process on behalf of San Bernardino County. These efforts have resulted in 20 projects worth over \$32 million in homeless assistance throughout San Bernardino County.

In 2004, the County of San Bernardino Continuum of Care received over seven million in HUD funding, the largest allocation since CAPSBC took the leadership role in the CoC process.

This year, CAPSBC received a total of 20 proposals (5 new projects, and 15 renewal projects). An independent review panel composed of representatives from San Bernardino County Housing Authority, Riverside DPSS Homeless Program, San Bernardino County's Economic Development Department, Barstow Community Hospital, HomeAid Inland Empire, and San Bernardino City Economic Agency with our consultant Dr. Gilbert-Hamerling reviewed and rated the proposals. The Homeless Coalition Policy chaired by Fifth District Supervisor Josie Gonzales, voted unanimously to accept the recommendations for the 2005 HUD Super NoFA Application in the amount of \$5,964,844 to fund 15 projects. The application was submitted to the HUD Headquarters in Washington D.C. on June 10, 2005. Notification of funding will be announced in late December. \(\nspecific \)

CAPSBC hears needs of community loud and clear!

By Sandra Brown, FSET Program Manager

In accordance with the requirement from the State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD), CAPSBC prepared the 2006-2007 Community Action Plan (CAP) and was submitted to CSD on June 17, 2005. The CAP addresses the Assurances of Federal and State goals, adoption of the statewide priority strategy and indicates CAPSBC's annual program activities and delivery strategies.



Herman Pena speaking to the public

CAPSBC held a series of six Public Hearings from May 11th through May 25, 2005 to identify the needs and concerns of lowincome residents throughout San Bernardino County: senior population (Yucaipa), the working poor and unemployed (San Bernardino and Hesperia), families with children in preschool programs (San Bernardino) and

families located throughout the West End of the county (Upland and Ontario). Approximately 139 low-income residents participated in the public hearings.

A needs assessment survey was also conducted and a total of 1,966 completed questionnaires representing 69 Zip Codes were collected through various community events and from CAPSBC clients. All of the information received was summarized and included in the plan.

Following are some of the concerns gathered through the public hearings and the needs assessment survey:

- Accessing educational goals and vocational training programs
- Employment and job training
- Energy assistance through the California Alternative Rates for En ergy (CARE) Program and other utility assistance
- Child Care Assistance
 - Credit repair and pro-Hearing. grams for clients to assist them in obtaining an asset such as home ownership, post secondary education, and the start up of a business
- Home repair programs and emergency assistance
- Recovery programs for parolees and assistance in the areas of housing, emergency shelter, food, etc.
- Health and dental services
- Academic programs for children and parental involvement in school testing.
- Access to reliable transportation
- Affordable housing
- Family support services ♥



Attendees of CAPSBC Public

Learning Excursion for Youth

By Michael Bautista, FDP Case Manager

Field trip took place at the Rancho Cuca- way.

Community Action Partnership of San Ber- Selected students were given the opportu- new baseballs as needed. nardino County (CAPSBC) Learning Ex- nity to interview the minor league baseball Each child that participated received the cursion field trips are for homeless and players from the Rancho Cucamonga opportunity to explore and learn how the low-income youth that would not have the Quakes and the Inland Empire 66ers. The academic studies in their schools apply to financial or other means to attend events or sports photography workshops allowed the Baseball. Mathematics, History and Science programs. These excursions give them the students to learn how cameras are used to were introduced as academics applied in opportunity to learn and develop educa- take action photos during live sports Baseball during educational activities. tional experience for future career and life events. The Rancho Cucamonga Quakes The children were very excited and pleased On May 24, 2005, the Learning Excursion the children learned in a fun and exciting this event. The only ones that have the last

entitled," School Day with the Rancho David McConnell and David Ruiz, took very vocal and appreciative voices in unison Cucamonga Quakes." A total of 35 chil- part in the in-game activity of being a Pubdren: 14 Education First Program and lic Address announcer. Both students an-Obershaw House students and 21 students nounced the player's names prior to batfrom Bloomington, Rialto and San Bernar-ting. Obershaw House resident and Educadino City Unified School District At-Risk tion First Program student Robert Madrid Youth Programs took part in educational was the "Bat Boy" for the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes. Robert sat in the dugout The activities included small workshops on with the players and retrieved bats for the sports journalism and sports photography. players. He also assisted the umpires with

staff went out of their way to ensure that to be given the opportunity to participate in say on whether or not a Learning Excursion monga Quakes Stadium. The event was Two Education First Program students, is successful are the participants. When 35



thank you for sponsoring this Learning Excursion you know it was a success.

Kids enjoying the bus ride.

Food Bank Fights Hunger in Remote Areas

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By Gerald Wilson, Food Bank Warehouse Manager

Have you ever heard of Trona California? Well you are not alone. It is hidden in the far northern region of our county, just minutes from the Inyo County line. At an elevation of 1675 feet, Trona is probably best known for being the last stop as you travel north to Death Valley. Trona sprung up in 1862 when borax was discovered in its crusty dry lakebeds. Its population remains around 1885 souls. To get some kind of idea of the old Trona, you may want to visit the town museum located across the street from the



Workers prepare the food for delivery

where the USDA commodities are given and silver mines some still active to this

In route to Trona off Highway 395, you will These two towns are cut off from most find the little town of Red Mountain whose social services by the harsh environment looming namesake is visible from miles and their remote locations but are rich in away. With a population of 130 located history; yet the people who are living some 97 miles from San Bernardino, this there today still need our services. These sleepy little town is not much to look at but rugged individuals brave snow flurries in if those hills could speak they would tell of the winter and 100 plus degree temperamore exciting times. In its heydays, Red tures in the summer. That is why the Mountain was known for its saloons and Food Bank makes the long trek through brothels, where gunfights were common the Mohave with USDA food deliveries and trail weary miners gambled to let off regularly. While other Food Banks focus steam. The essence of those times still reso-their services on urban areas, CAPSBC nates through the town. You might spy the Food Bank seeks out needy individuals old saloon as you drive up highway 395 or throughout our vast county so people like several old wooden shacks with their those of Red Mountain and Trona can wooden porches still intact. Look closer benefit from our services, because no one and you will see the remains of old gold in our county should go hungry. ♥

Strategic Planning Update

By Rowena Concepcion, Assistant to the Director

After several revisions on the cover design and layout, the draft Strategic Plan is good to go. The complete layout of the Plan was reviewed by the Board during its April CAB meeting. Changes on the text and photos were forwarded to the consultant for revisions. At the May CAB meeting, the

Board unanimously approved the Plan that we will start for finalization.

The new cover design and layout in- and corporate CAPSBC branding and pro- plans. ♥ gram participants. The draft document is now in the final review stages and will be ready for printing. After

working on the implementation operational



Potential Program Savings

CAPSBC Energy Conservation/Weatherization Program is always seeking ways to save money without sacrificing customer or employee safety.

Thanks to John Newcomb, weatherization field supervisor, our agency will save in excess of \$60,000 per year. For the past years, CAPSBC is paying a recycler to dispose all appliances replaced in our customer's home by more efficient and safe equipment. These are items such as refrigerators, air conditioners, furnaces, ranges, etc. We pay as much as \$50 per refrigerator for example.

Our new recycler will pick up the old appliances and

properly dispose of any hazardous materials per EPA rules at no cost to the agency, but will also pay us \$20 per ton for the appliances. At this time, we do not know how much we are going to get annually, what we know is that the amount is going to be sig-



Wx crew loading refrigerators.

nificant. We save from not paying recycler fees and will realize a profit.

Thanks to John for always looking for ways to save CAPSBC some money. Great job!

CAPSBC Receives Funding from First 5 San Bernardino

By Charles James, IDA Program Coordinator

CAPSBC Inland Empire Individual Accounts (IEIDA) Program has experienced a tremendous amount of growth in the past six-months. The potential for this program, one of the most exciting and innovative programs available to assist medium to low income families acquire an asset and financial security is unlimited. IEIDA is a high impact program specifically designed to address the economic needs and promote self-sufficiency among the low-income populations.

A grant in the amount of \$611,458 for 2005-2007 was received from First 5 San Bernardino (Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County) to address the immediate needs of children prenatal to age five while helping their parents achieve self-sufficiency. The growth years 0-5 are considered formative years of development and the response by children in this age range to a safe, healthy, and secure environment extend well into future generations. The acquisition of an economic asset also provides financial security and opportunities that otherwise may not have been available.

IEIDA is a 2:1 cash matched savings program that matches each dollar saved by the participants with two dollars up to a maximum of two-thousand dollars to be used for one of three asset acquisitions; microenterprise, homeownership, and or to

continue post secondary education. IEIDA also features a case management component with an emphasis on Life Skills.

CAPSBC IDA Program currently has 15 participants enrolled, with an anticipated increase in active enrollees up to 25 by December 2005. Individuals and families are now working towards the goal of acquiring an asset that will benefit the entire family through a joint collaboration between themselves and the IDA Program.

CAPSBC has developed partnerships with over 20 public and private organizations to help provide financial, in-kind support and expertise to IEIDA participants. In order to qualify, prospective IEIDA Program participants must meet income guidelines (annual income of less than \$28,144 for a family of three, for example), must have some regular source of earned income and must be residents of San Bernardino County.

The First 5 San Bernardino grant and the community partnership support will surely benefit the low-income families as IEIDA continues to develop and expand. ▼

CAPSBC 40th Anniversary Celebration Plans

As part of CAPSBC's year-long anniversary celebration, a Staff Development/Recognition is scheduled on August 12, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Orton Center, Redlands University. This event is mandatory for all staff to participate.

The Program/Events Committee and Operations Division are working together to finalize the details of several training workshops for the staff. Employees who have provided long-term dedicated service to CAPSBC will be recognized. A motivational speaker will also be invited.

The Publicity and Promotions Committee is coming up with a photographic exhibit titled, "The CAPSBC Family" focus on staff at work and at play.

The Funding Committee is selling raffle tickets for a shopping spree at Wal-Mart and a gift certificate from Stater Bros

Celebrate Community

By Carolyn Debevec, FDP Program Manager I

By now you may have heard that Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) is celebrating 40 years of service to the community. The first "kick off" celebration took place on Saturday, May 21, 2005, on the grounds located outside the administrative offices of CAPSBC.

Resolutions were presented by Joy Ellington, Field Representative for 5th District Supervisor Josie Gonzales, and by Mark Sheppard of Congressman Joe Baca's office. The Colton High School ROTC Color Guard opened the ceremony with the presenting of the flags and Carter High School drum line and winter guard provided superb performances.

Several board members unveiled CAPSBC's pictorial exhibit highlighting the agency's history covering four decades.

Other performances followed from Latin dancers and the Ballet Folklorico. Throughout the day people visited the various booths with display boards and brochures explaining the various services provided by CAPSBC and other visiting community partners such as Inland Empire United Way, Volunteers of America, San Bernardino Fire Department, Department of Aging and Adult services and many others.

For the children there were activities and services such as pony rides, finger printing, a jumpy house, and face painting by a very friendly clown. The day was filled with fun, games, entertainment, information, good food, and the opportunity to celebrate the community.

Children, staff, families in the community and individuals enjoyed the many festivities in recognition of CAPSBC's 40 years of service to San Bernardino County.



Rita Colton and volunteer in charge of the food booth



CAPSBC Staff at the gifts booth.



CAPSBC Staff provides entertainment to the children

CAPSBC Community Event Saturday, May 21, 2005



Preparing for the community event.



Ms. Nickols and Michael J. Gallo accepting a special acknowledgment and resolution from the County Board of Supervisors.



graphic exhibit of CAPSBC's 40 years of service.

Free Pony Rides.

In Focus

Role Model

By Yvonne Flores, FDS

Guadalupe Paredes is a single parent with a seven-yearold child. The family was a victim of the "Old Fire" in October of 2003. The fire displaced many families and Guadalupe came to Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) for help. Ms. Paredes received emergency services such as food vouch-



Guadalupe Paredes

ers and transportation assistance. The family received referrals to local shelters for temporary housing. Since June of 2004, the Paredes family is actively participating in the Education First Program with case manager Michael Bautista. During her time in the Education First Program Guadalupe was participating in life skills classes, continued her drug counseling sessions and enrolled at San Bernardino Valley College. Mr. Bautista referred the family to the Obershaw Transitional Housing Program.

The family moved into a unit in the Obershaw House on September 17, 2004. Ms. Paredes is a full-time college student at San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) pursuing a certificate in drug and alcohol counseling. After her recovery from her own battle with drug addiction and Judge Patrick Morris' Drug Court Program, she chose to become a counselor to help others. Eventually, Ms. Paredes would like her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. Shortly, after her stay in the Obershaw House Ms. Paredes secured employment. She is currently working part-time with SBVC in the financial aid office. Ms. Paredes is participating in the Obershaw Housing Savings Program and is actively pursuing her case management goals. On April 22, 2005, Guadalupe Paredes gave her 30-day notice to end her residency in the Obershaw House. During her stay in the Obershaw House, Guadalupe has begun her pursuit of a higher education, secured employment and now permanent housing. She is a positive role model for those who are battling drug addiction and for other homeless parents. Y

In memory of:

By Charles Adams, Jr., Deputy Director

On April 18, 2005, Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) lost a beloved and valuable member of its family, Joan Hunsaker.

Ms. Hunsaker worked for CAPSBC for approximately 24 years. During her employment, she held positions in the Youth Services, Food Distribution, Emergency Services, Weatherization and Nutrition for Seniors Programs.

As the Nutrition for Seniors Program Manager II, Ms. Hunsaker worked diligently to ensure that senior participants enjoyed a delicious and nutritious meal either at the Nutrition Center or their home through the Meals on Wheels Program. Ms Hunsaker exemplified the spirit of Community Action and was a true warrior in the "War on Poverty".

The memorial service was held on April 22, 2005 and several CAPSBC staff members attended. Ms. Hunsaker was truly a giving and loving person. All of us here at CAPSBC who knew Ms. Hunsaker are certainly better off for the experience.

Joan - Thank you being a part of CAPSBC family.♥

Tips and Trivia

Forgiveness lowers your stress

If someone says an unkind remark, is critical, sarcastic, or ridiculing at work you may find yourself obsessing about it all day or even several days. You may be so miserable that you cannot even concentrate on your work. The solution:

1. Do not take the remark personally.

Realize that some people have a need to criticize, ridicule, or whatever the unkind remark was, and that it is all about their need and not about you.

Instead of being upset, you can take pity on the person for his/her behavior. People who behave unkindly are usually very unhappy or stressed out themselves.

Tell yourself that you would prefer that people treat you with kindness, but if they don't you can still choose to be happy, anyway.

4. Talk to the other person.

This makes him/her accountable. Here are some things you can say in a matter of fact way.

Be careful to say what you mean without sounding mean.

- * You sound stressed out. Is something wrong?
- * Stop. Do not talk to me in that tone of voice.
- * That kind of remark is unacceptable.
- * If you have something you want to discuss with me, we can talk about it in a better way.

5. Forgive.

This does not mean that you forget, or that you do not hold people accountable for their remarks. It simply means that you let go of the belief that other people hurt you and that therefore you must either retaliate or be miserable.

Employee's Corner

Welcome New Employees

Donna Fairley, Outreach Worker Weatherization 5/2/05 Kevin Strickland, Crew Technician Weatherization 5/16/05 Linda Lennon, Clerk III Weatherization 5/31/05 Gerald Brown, Development Director Administration 5/31/05 Kimbarli Case, Clerk II FSET 5/31/05 Cari Huff, Fiscal Clerk I Fiscal 6/27/05 Carolina Contreras, Site Manager/Luque Nutrition for Seniors 4/25/05 Teresa Toussaint, Site Manager/Redlands Nutrition for Seniors 5/2/05 Otis Harris, On-Call Backup Delivery Driver Nutrition for Seniors 6/14/05 Tami Carter, Clerk I Nutrition for Seniors 6/27/05

Congratulations to:

Charles Washington as Lead Lead Worker, Weatherization Yahara Quezada as Automated Systems Analyst, Administration Patricia Lewis as Cook, Nutrition for Seniors Arlene Medina as Employment Services Specialist, FSET Sandra Brown as Program Manager I, FSET Anna Harris as Lead Inspector Assistant, Weatherization Otto Perez as Lead Inspector Assistant, Weatherization Tracia Allen as Emergency Services Outreach Worker, FDP Arlene Marquez as Clerk I, Administration

Announcements

Community Action Partnership cordially invites you to participate in our

40th Anniversary Gala Thursday, November 10, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. National Orange Show, Valencia Room 689 South "E" Street, San Bernardino, CA 92408

As we celebrate 40 years of innovation, commitment and service to the low-income communities of San Bernardino County.

SAVE THE DATE!

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Calendar of Events

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July 19 – CAB Meeting 4:30

July 20 —Homeless Policy Council Quarterly Meeting

July 20 – Next Step Homelessness Task Force Meeting

July 29-Stater Bros. Raffle Drawing

August:

August 12—Staff Development/Recognition Day August 15-17—Youth Summer Camp August 17—Homeless Policy Council Quarterly Meeting

September:

September 20 – CAB Meeting 4:30 September 21 – Next Step Homelessness Task Force Meeting

September 22 – Project Council Meeting in Yucca Valley

UTILITY ASSISTANCE:

- 1st and 3rd Monday: Heap Workshops Employment Service Department
 15980 Main St, Hesperia
- Every last Friday of the month: Heap Workshops TAD Office
 1300 Mt. View, Barstow

FOOD ASSISTANCE:

Emergency Food Distribution every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9-11:45 a.m. at the Food Bank 255 E. Drake Dr., San Bernardino



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